six months. Further instalments are released on receipt of utilization and completion certificate alongwith other documents required as per guidelines.

Promotion of tourism in tribal areas

†2947. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the plans of the Central Government for promoting tourism in the country;

(b) the amount provided to the State Governments, State-Wise, during the last three years under the same;

(c) the amount out of the said amount provided for promoting tourism in tribal areas; and

(d) the names of tribal areas of Chhattisgarh and the amount provided for development of tourism in such areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Plans of the Ministry of Tourism for promoting tourism in the country is pursued through upgradation of tourist infrastructure to the world standards by assisting the State Government/U.Ts. under its various schemes, alongwith stretegic marketing initiatives which are aimed at positioning India as a favoured destination in the world.

(b) and (c) The Central financial assistance provided to the State/ U.Ts. during the last three years is placed at Statement. This includes funding for promotion/development in the tribal areas also [Refer to the Statement appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question 2934 part (a)]

(d) A list of projects sanctioned for development of tourism in the State of Chhattisgarh including tribal areas is placed at Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Statement showing the projects sanctioned for Development of Tourism in the State of Chhattisgarh including Tribal Areas during Tenth Five Year Plan period

Sl. No.	Year	Projects sanctioned	Amount Santioned (Rs. in lakhs)	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2002-03	Development of Infrastructure	45.00	15.00
2	2002-03	Procurement of IT equipments	30.00	28.09
3	2002-03	Herbal Resort	24.00	7.20
4	2002-03	Illumination of Destinations	35.00	10.50
5	2002-03	Improvement of surroundings	25.00	7.50
6	2002-03	National Museum of Dokracraft	40.50	10.40
7	2002-03	Wayside Amenities (TRC)	100.00	30.00
8	2003-04	Integrated Development of Tourism Circuit (Chhattisgarh Circuit)	800.00	250.00
9	2003-04	Development of Rural Tourism in Village Chitrakote	50.00	15.00
10	2003-04	Development of Chitrakote Village Rural Tourism	50.00	40.00
11	2003-04	Development of Rural Tourism at Champaran	50.00	15.00
12	2003-04	Rural Tourism at Nagarnar	48.00	38.00
13	2004-05	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism circuit in Chhattisgarh State	648.35	518.68
14	2004-05	Integrated Development of Sirpur	397.91	318.33
15	2004-05	IT Scheme for Deptt. of Tourism Chhattisgarh	31.68	15.84
16	2004-05	Rural Tourism-Village Chitrakote Bastar	20.00	16.00

Sl. No.	Year	Projects sanctioned	Amount Santioned (Rs. in lakhs)	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)
17	2004-05	Rural Tourism-Village Nagarnar, Bastar	20.00	16.00
18	2005-06	Development of Kondagoan, Bastar	50.00	40.00
19	2005-06	Infrastructure and destination development of Mainpat-Sarguja District	468.41	375.00
		TOTAL:	2933.85	1766.54

Pending tourism projects of Assam

†2948. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether numerous tourism projects of Assam are pending with Central Government for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise; and

(c) the details of the steps Government have taken for according approval to these projects so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is the responsibility of the State Governments/ UTs. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India provides assistance for the tourism related projects which are identified in consultation with the State Governments.

Projects which are identified for development are required to be submitted in prescribed format, which has already been circulated to the States and Union Territories. Project proposals for prioritized destinations/circuits are appraised on the basis of *inter-se* priorities

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